

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Best et al.**

Serial No.: **10/697,899**

Filed: **October 30, 2003**

For: **Method and Apparatus for
Increasing Efficiency of Data Storage in
a File System**

§ Group Art Unit: **2163**

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§ Examiner: **Ho, Binh Van**

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§ Confirmation No.: **9243**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 26, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: